

B-3427 - B-3428
408-444 Grindall St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1890-1908

The north side of the 400 block of Grindall St. is improved with two separate groups of houses set high on the hill and reached by steep flights of stone steps leading to front terraces. At 408-422 Grindall St. there is a row of two story, two bay wide brown brick houses with shed roofs and sheet metal cornices, built in 1907-1908 by Walter Hampson. To the east, at 436-444 Grindall St. there is a row of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices built in the early 1890's by Henry Wessel. These houses originally had wooden front porches but they are now gone.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

408-422 Grindall St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
___ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
___ YES: UNRESTRICTED
___ NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE
___ COMMERCIAL
___ EDUCATIONAL
___ ENTERTAINMENT
___ GOVERNMENT
___ INDUSTRIAL
___ MILITARY
___ MUSEUM
___ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ RELIGIOUS
___ SCIENTIFIC
___ TRANSPORTATION
___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (422)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This row of eight two story, two bay brick houses with shed roofs and metal Neo-Grec-style cornices was built as a unit in 1907-08 by the same developer who built a similar unit immediately to the rear of Hamburg St. and two other similar units on the south side of Grindall St. and the north side of Cross St.

The houses are all 12 1/2' wide and occupy lots 75' deep. The houses are two rooms deep and there are no rear addition. The houses are constructed in glazed Roman brick, laid in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a continuous, plain stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of just a deep, crown molding. The Neo-Grec style end brackets used on the cornices of the neighboring rows built by the same developer were not used here. Each house has single rectangular (some hooded) chimneys located along the west side of the house at both front and rear. 422 Grindall has been covered with formstone.

The first floor door and window openings have round arched lintels. The second floor window openings have common arch lintels with solid wood tympanums. All of the windows have brick header sills and all are filled with 1/1 double hung sash.* The houses have a mixed array of door types, but all have single light, round arched transoms (some of which have been covered over with siding). All of the houses originally had Mission-style oak doors. Today, 408 and 410 Grindall have modern panel doors set with upper lights; 412 and 416 have modern flush doors; 414 and 418 have horizontally paneled doors with upper lights; and 420 and 422 have the original Mission-style doors. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by four stone steps each. Each house has a rectangular basement opening located to the left of the steps. The row is set on a terrace well above street level. A set of eight stone steps for each house leads from the street level to a small yard in front of each house.

*except for 422 Grindall, which has new 6/6 sash (in the first floor window, the new sash is set beneath a round-arched upper glass panel).

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1906-1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Walter Hampson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 410-420 E. Cross St.

Unlike the similar rows of houses built by Hampson on Cross and Hamburg Sts., these houses were not sold to individual owners after they were built, but instead remained in Hampson's possession until his death in 1942, being rented over the years to a variety of tenants.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber MLP 6377, Folio 481

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12 1/2' x 75' each

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles4/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

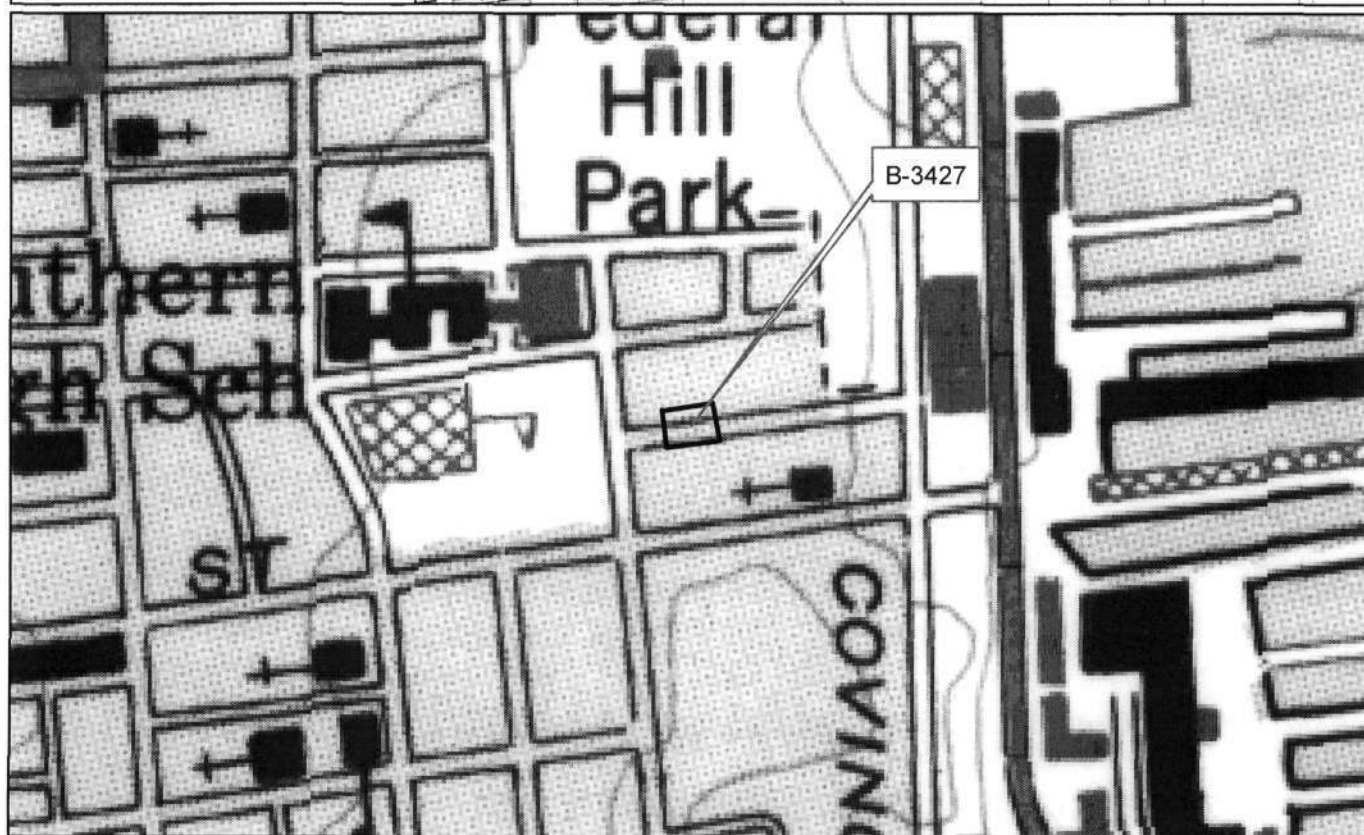
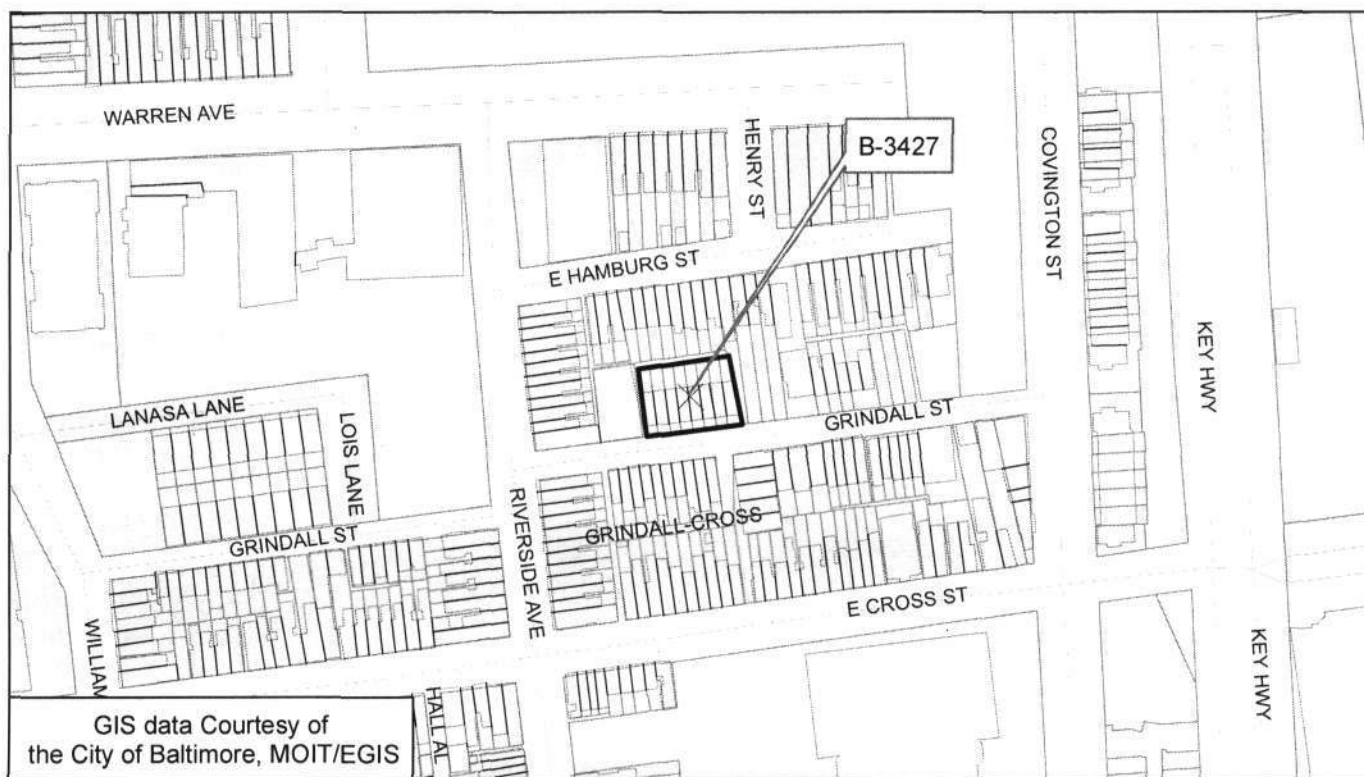
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Baltimore East Quad.





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408-422 Grindall St.

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South elevation



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418-420 Grindall St.

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South elevation